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FOLLOWING REPEAT NDJAMENA 2530 ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO KHARTOUM
LIBREVILLE NIAMEY PARIS TRIPOLI USUN
INFO DIA 26 JUL 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2530

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, MASS, CD
SUBJ: FRENCH ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT MALLOUM, DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH VISITING FRENCH OFFICIAL GEORGEY, SIAD CHAD WOULD PURSUE ITS COMPLAINT TO THE OAU VIGOROUSLY AND IF SATISFACTION IS NOT RECEIVED, HE INTENDED TO TAKE MATTER TO UN. TO THIS END, FRANCE HAS PROMISED CHAD TO ASSIST IT IN THE PREPARATION OF A POLISHED WHITE PAPER ON THE FRONTIER SITUATION. PAPER WILL BE IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH AND IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WILL BE USED WITH OAU MEMBERS AND LATER IN THE UN IF NECESSARY.

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2. CONCURRENTLY WITH HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, MALLOUM FEELS COMPELLED TO SEEK EXTENSIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THE BUILD UP OF LIBYAN ARMS IN THE NORTH AND EAST IS CONTINUING AND HE EXPECTS HEAVY ATTACKS IN BOTH AREAS.

3. IN AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, THE FRENCH

AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS SURPRISED TO FIND LIBYAN
TROOPS WERE NOW OCCUPYING A SMALL PORTION
OF NORTHEASTERN NIGER. HE PROOASED TO GIVE ME
DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY WERE AVAILABLE.

4. CHADIAN PRESS REPORT OF JULY 25, DATELINED
NIAMEY/ALGIERS, STATES THAT GOVERNMENTS OF NIGER
AND NIGERIA ACTIVELY PURSUING MEDIATOR ROGJ BETWEEN
CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AND REBELS. OFFICIAL OF NIGER
QUOTED AS SAYING QUOTE WE HAVE ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN MAKING CONTACT
WITH CERTAIN RANKING REBELS.
UNQUOTE. BRADFORD.
UNQUOTE VANCE".

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